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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Gas Company, as a Gas Public
Utility, for Authority to Construct Additional Natural Gas
Public Utility Facilities from the Town of Otter Creek, Dunn
County to the Town and City of Rice Lake, Barron County

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**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the January 25, 2001, application of Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC) for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 133.03 to construct additional natural gas public utility facilities from the town of Otter Creek, Dunn County to the town and city of Rice Lake, Barron County, Wisconsin.

WGC is a gas public utility, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5)(a), engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in several areas of the state including municipalities in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project.

In its application, WGC states that approximately 31.5 miles of 8-inch, steel natural gas supply main, 1.5 miles of 4-inch steel supply main and 8.1 miles of 3-inch steel supply main will be installed. The mains will be built within public road right-of-way and in private easements. The project also includes the construction of a new gate station at the connection with Viking Gas Transmission Company. In addition, the project includes the construction of four district regulator stations to serve existing distribution systems along the route. The estimated cost of the project is \$6,202,000.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(2). It consequently requires the preparation of an environmental assessment to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. Persons wishing to comment on environmental

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aspects of the proposed project should contact Michael John Jaeger, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854, (608) 267-2546.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Tom Stemrich at (608) 266-2800.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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